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NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Walter R. Shaw has resigned his position in Pomona College, Claremont, California, and is now botanist and entomologist of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, at Stillwater.

Mr. F. H. Blodgett has recently been appointed assistant vegetable pathologist of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

The following statement, printed on a postal card, was received last month by members of the Linnaean Fern Chapter of the Agassiz Association. The appeal is self-explanatory, and as TORREYA is not "in politics" just at present, we republish without comment:

Fellow Members:

Vote for Mr. Gilbert. There is no comparison between the two candidates for the presidency. Mr. Gilbert is a scientist, has a wide acquaintance with the members, and the duties of the office. He lives near the center of fern lore. I am only a collector, have never attended a meeting and I am a worldly business man. I have a daily newspaper to attend, and I am a politician. In truth, I am one of the possibilities for the Presidency of the United States upon the Populist ticket in 1904 against Theodore Roosevelt. It will give me all I can do to get the nomination for the office. I am much pleased for the honor so far and would be greatly pleased to make the Joliet park the headquarters of the American fern, but the association should be continued along its present prosperous lines and its affairs should be considered far above the pleasure of any one individual. If possible I will attend the next meeting and if you like my looks I will stand for the race some other time. If any have already voted for me write quickly and have the vote changed.

JAS. H. FERRISS,

October 17, 1901. Joliet, Ill.